

REMARKS

Upon entry of the above Amendment, claims 1-20 and 28-38 are pending. Claims 21-27 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicant thanks Examiner Corrielus for indicating claims 1-20 and 28-38 as allowable.

Applicant has amended the Specification to provide the statuses of the patent applications referred to in the "Cross Reference to Related Applications."

In response to the Examiner's statements regarding the submission of formal drawings, Applicant notes that formal drawings were filed on November 1, 2001 in response to a Notice of Incomplete Reply. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative to confirm that these drawings were received and are acceptable.

In addition to that filed herewith, Applicant also respectfully draws the Examiner's attention to two Information Disclosure Statements filed on October 31, 2002, and November 25, 2002, the latter of which was filed electronically. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner initial and return copies of the PTO-1449 forms for each of these Information Disclosure Statements at his earliest convenience.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is now in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned representative at the number provided.

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Respectfully submitted,



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